Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I know what the Government have done with the building?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I do not think it has been put to any use."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"Did the district board offer to purchase it?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"There have been offers from the district board and the local college authorities."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that the education authorities have already taken charge of the building?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I believe it has been handed over to them."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Then, may I know which is the correct answer, Sir, whether . . ."

The hon. the President:—"Order, order."

Training and employment of midwives by local boards.

* 252 Q.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what the centres are in which first-class midwives are trained in this Presidency;

(b) how many are trained annually at each centre (i) at the cost of the Government and (ii) at the cost of the taluk boards and other local bodies;

(c) how many rural dispensaries are there districtwar in which there are no midwives; and

(d) whether a Government Order was issued directing presidents of local boards not to make fresh appointments in rural dispensaries; if so, why?

A.—(a) to (c) Statements[a] giving the particulars required are placed on the table.

(d) Yes; in view of financial stringency the Government accepted the proposal of the Surgeon-General and requested presidents of taluk boards not to open subsidized rural dispensaries which had been sanctioned but not yet opened and also not to appoint midwives in subsidized rural dispensaries in which they had not been employed prior to 3rd March 1932.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know what are the reasons for not training midwives in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Guntur?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Certain centres have been closed as a measure of retrenchment."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 305 infra.

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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know, Sir, whether it requires any additional expenditure to train midwives?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Owing to financial stringency local bodies have been asked not to entertain any extra midwives. In that connexion it was considered unnecessary to train more midwives."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that throughout the Presidency there is a large demand for fully qualified midwives? If so, is it not the duty of Government to make adequate arrangements for the training of midwives in larger numbers?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Already sufficient number is being trained."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"When there are 326 rural dispensaries which have no trained midwives, do the Government feel that the existing number of midwives is adequate from the point of view of public health and maternity welfare?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It is a question of finance. I am also considering the desirability of again permitting the local bodies to entertain midwives in their dispensaries."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"If the centre is there, cannot the public have training in it at their own expense?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The Government do not consider that there are not sufficient facilities to meet the demand."

Co-operative Societies

Instructions to Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies forbidding the registration of any more societies.

* 253 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any instructions have been issued to the Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies forbidding them from registering more societies;

(b) if so, whether a copy of that order will be placed on the table;

(c) whether the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Salem, has received a petition from the people of Konganapuram mitta praying for the establishment of a rural credit society in their place; and

(d) when it was received and in what way it has been disposed of?

A.—(a) No. The Deputy Registrars have not been forbidden to register new societies; but have been instructed to devote greater attention to the rectification of existing societies.

(b) Copies of two circulars[a] issued by the Registrar are appended.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 306–307 infra.